

OPINION 1742

***Lincus* Stål, 1867 (Insecta, Heteroptera): conserved; *L. croupius* Rolston, 1983: specific name not conserved**

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Audinetella* Spinola, 1850 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Lincus* Stål, 1867 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Pentatoma rufospilota* Westwood, 1837, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *rufospilota* Westwood, 1837, as published in the binomen *Pentatoma rufospilota* (specific name of the type species of *Lincus* Stål, 1867) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Audinetella* Spinola, 1850, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2798

An application for the conservation of the generic name *Lincus* Stål, 1867 by suppressing the unused senior subjective synonym *Audinetella* Spinola, 1850, and for the conservation of the specific name of *L. croupius* Rolston, 1983 by suppressing the senior subjective synonym *A. bipunctata* Spinola, 1850, was received from Dr L.H. Rolston (Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A.) on 5 November 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 19–21 (March 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment from Prof L.B. Holthuis (Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden, The Netherlands), published in BZN 49: 229–230 (September 1992), supported conservation of the generic name *Lincus* but not the specific name of *L. croupius*. A reply by the author of the application was published at the same time.

The proposals to conserve the generic name *Lincus* (para. 5, proposals (1)(a), (2), (3)(a) and (4) on BZN 49: 20) and the specific name of *L. croupius* (proposals (1)(b), (3)(b) and (5) on BZN 49: 20) were offered separately for voting.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1993 the votes were as follows:

Proposals (1)(a), (2), (3)(a) and (4) on BZN 49: 20. Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Schuster, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Lehtinen and Savage.

Proposals (1)(b), (3)(b) and (5) on BZN 49: 20. Affirmative votes — 7: Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Halvorsen, Nielsen, Savage

Negative votes — 17: Bayer, Cogger, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Minelli, Nye, Schuster, Štys, Thompson and Trjapitzin.

Martins de Souza and Willink voted on the proposals to conserve the generic name *Lincus* but abstained from voting on the specific name.

No votes were received from Starobogatov and Uéno.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Voting against the conservation of both *Lincus* Stål, 1867 and *Lincus croupius* Rolston, 1983, Lehtinen commented that since *croupius* was published only a few years ago it could not compete with the much older and interpretable name *bipunctata* Spinola, 1850.

The required two-thirds majority was reached for the conservation of the generic name *Lincus*, but the conservation of the specific name of *croupius* Rolston, 1983 was not accepted and it has the status of a junior subjective synonym of *bipunctata* Spinola, 1850.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Audinetella Spinola, 1850, *Tavola sinottica dei generi spettanti alla classe degli insetti arthro-dignati Hemiptera* Linn., Latr. *Rhyngota* Fabr., *Rhynchota* Burm., p. 86.

Lincus Stål, 1867, *Öfversigt af Kongliga Svenska Vetenskaps-Akademiens Förhandlingar*, **24**(7): 524.

rufospilota, *Pentatoma*, Westwood, 1837, *A catalogue of Hemiptera in the collection of the Rev. F.W. Hope with short Latin descriptions of new species*, part 1, p. 44.